"Our children have had a complete education with opportunities in sport, drama, music, arts, public speaking, debating, chess, movie-making, leadership roles, extensive excursion programs and technology, as well as the essential core learning in the classroom. Who could ask for more? Thanks Gillwinga!" ... Colleen Hankinson

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First Day Jitters ...

The scene is the same... adorable children dressed in their brand new school clothes, clutching mummy or daddy's hand and facing the exciting and terrifying prospect of spending a day in 'BIG SCHOOL' for the very first time.

How the scene turns out depends on everyone involved. It can either lead to a smiling step into the adventures of education, or a terrified child clinging desperately to the safety of familiar necks, arms or any free body parts, as a teacher tries to unwrap the screaming bundle from parents who are feeling incredibly guilty, embarrassed and confused.

What can you do to achieve the first option and not the second? The truth is that there are no guarantees. The good news is, that at Gillwinga Public School we have developed a comprehensive school readiness program, aimed at providing a smooth transition to school.

READY, SET, GO!

You are your child's first teacher and will continue to be the greatest influence in your child's life. In order to make school an enjoyable and rewarding experience for both you and your child, we have developed our READY, SET, GO! Program.

This Enrichment Program will:

• provide a smooth transition to school
• familiarise preschoolers with Gillwinga P.S programs and facilities
• enhance your child's numeracy, literacy, technological and social skills
• create a peer support environment by allowing your child to develop a friendship with their Year 5 'buddies'. These buddies will support them through their Kindergarten experience
• provide your child with engaging and fun lessons at 'big school'
• provide parents with opportunities to gain ideas and strategies to support their child in learning. Our specialised teachers will provide you with the knowledge and resources needed to enable you to fully support your child at school.

Formalised lessons, integrated with interactive hands-on learning experiences, will ensure that your child has a head start in Kindergarten next year.

“What has impressed me most about Gillwinga is the overall care and understanding of the kid’s needs, as well as the professionalism of the staff.” ... Sonia Byrnes

A Leader in Quality Education ...

Starting school is a big step in your child’s life. It is an exciting time - a time for many firsts!

At Gillwinga Public School, your child is entering a community that values the uniqueness and diversity of all its learners and strives to provide each and every student with an outstanding education.

Our highly skilled and dedicated staff offer exceptional and diverse academic, social, cultural and sporting opportunities in a vibrant and caring learning community.

How do I get Involved?

Just complete the application form provided in the brochure and drop it in, or send it to Gillwinga Public School. A formal letter of acceptance into this program will then be forwarded to you.

What dates should I mark on my Calendar?

READY, SET, GO! is a nineteen week program that commences on Monday 25th May, 2015. It continues every Monday, until 9th November, 2015.

The day starts at 9.00am and finishes at 12.00pm.

On nominated days, parents will be invited to participate in workshops. These sessions will introduce effective strategies that you can use at home to best support your child's learning. It is also the perfect opportunity to network with other parents and specialised teachers.